

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are currently pending.

Claim 1 and 10 are amended to clarify the heating cycle.

Claim 11 is newly entered.

No new matter is entered as a result of the amendments.

Reconsideration in light of the following is respectfully requested.

The art of record fails to lead one of skill in the art to a preheat step. Furthermore, the art teaches that a preheat step is undesirable due to the formation of hexagonal boron nitride as described in Kawasaki.

The claimed invention, as amended, specifically recites that the process comprises a preheat step of 2 hours or in an alternate claim comprises a step until about 80 weight percent of the initial starting weight is volatilized.

CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. All claims are believed to be patentable and notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

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